

Title (en)

Detection of the surface of a liquid or foam.

Title (de)

Detektion der Oberfläche einer Flüssigkeit oder Schaumschicht.

Title (fr)

Détection de la surface d'un liquide ou d'une mousse.

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Abstract (en)

In an apparatus for detecting the surface of a liquid or foam, for example in a fermentation vessel a detector electrode (10) is surrounded at its lower end by a protective shroud (12) so as to protect a confined vapour space (14) surrounding the detector electrode. The vapour in the space (14) is maintained at a relatively low humidity either by heating the detector electrode or some other part of the apparatus or by purging the space (14) with a relatively dry air or gas. It is thereby ensured that no condensation onto the O-ring seal (20) and surrounding parts takes place. The shroud (12) also protects the parts from splashing.

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